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DECLARATION OF TODD R. COLLART PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.131

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Todd R. Collart, declare as follows:

1. I am currently an employee of Sonic Solutions.

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2. I am an inventor of the invention as variously described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/488,337.

3. I declare that the online synchronization system covered by the pending claims of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/488,337, specifically independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 19, was manufactured and tested prior to November 18, 1999. I also declare that at least prior to November 18, 1999, I recognized the inventive aspects of the online synchronization system and that the online synchronization system would work for its intended purpose.

4. I note that all dates present on the exhibits attached hereto have been blacked out; however, I declare that all blacked out dates are dates prior to November 18, 1999.

5. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of an online article entitled "Editorial: Behind the Scenes of the RONIN Online Event" discussing an online event scheduled by MGM on a date prior to November 18, 1999. The article discusses this online event, where the director of the film "Ronin" will address a selection of questions previously submitted by owners of the "Ronin" DVD during a live session. Additionally, the director will provide his perspective on scenes from the film as users simultaneously experience these scenes from the "Ronin" DVD. The technology involved in this event allows the event to be recorded, "so that users can log back on to the website at a later date to re-experience the entire event or see it for the first time, in case they missed it."

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6. Exhibit B is a copy of another online article entitled "DVD Special Report: MGM's Ronin DVD Goes On-Line" discussing the same aforementioned online event scheduled by MGM on a date prior to November 18, 1999. The article states that "[f]or those unable to participate during the live event, MGM will cache the event to their Internet servers so that it can be played back at a later date by anyone acquiring the RONIN DVD."

7. I declare that the online event discussed in both Exhibits A and B did in fact occur on a date prior to November 18, 1999, and the session was recorded and made available to users for download subsequent to the occurrence of the online event and prior to November 18, 1999.

8. The online synchronization system utilized at the online event referenced in both Exhibits A and B is the same online synchronization system that I have invented. Thus, prior to November 18, 1999, I fully appreciated the utility of the online synchronization system and that it would work for its intended purpose.

9. I have reviewed the pending claims of the present application, and in particular, I have reviewed independent claims 1, 7, 13, and 19, in view of the online synchronization system described above. Therefore, I declare that an online synchronization system meeting the elements of independent claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/488,337 physically existed prior to November 18, 1999 and that this

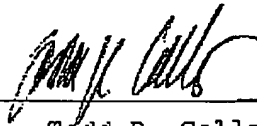
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online synchronization system worked for its intended purpose and that the invention was appreciated prior to November 18, 1999.

10. As I am advised I must, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patents issuing thereon, or any patent to which this Declaration is directed.

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Date



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Attachments: Exhibits A and B
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